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IN A WET SECTION OF A PAPER MACHINE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of December 2, 2003, the instant response being submitted within two months of the date of final rejection, i.e., by February 2, 2004, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

Summary of the Amendment

Upon consideration of the instant response, claims 1 - 49 currently remain pending. However, claims 34 - 49, directed to the non-elected invention, have been withdrawn from further consideration. Accordingly, only claims 1 - 33 are currently under consideration by



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.

X No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 49	*20	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 2	**3	0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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